

Small businesses selected for nuclear waste services

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Four small businesses with locations in Northern New Mexico are competing for up to \$200 million in services related to safely packaging Cold War-era wastes for final disposal. They are

- Environmental Dimensions, Inc.
- North Wind, Inc.
- Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc.
- Portage, Inc.

The companies will now use a streamlined process to bid for a number of individual tasks under this “master task order agreement.” Tasks include such activities as handling waste containers, transporting them to licensed disposal facilities, and providing verification and certification of delivery.

The wastes include soils removed from cleanup sites such as canyons or landfills, debris from the demolition of old buildings, and chemical or other hazardous wastes. Some of these materials may include trace or low levels of radioactive material.

They also include transuranic waste generated from national security missions. By law, this waste must be properly examined, certified, and packaged for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) repository in Southern New Mexico.

“These tasks play a key role in meeting the National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA’s) commitment to ship the 3,706 cubic meters of above-ground LANL transuranic waste to WIPP by June 30, 2014,” said George Rael, Environmental Projects manager for the NNSA’s Los Alamos Site Office.

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